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Construction Zone Speeder Arrested for Drugs

On June 23, 2006, at approximately 12:00 pm, Troopers Benny Taylor and Charles Gardiner were working in the construction zone southbound I-5 between La Center and Ridgefield (Milepost 15).

Trooper Taylor clocked a blue 2001 Toyota MRS at 72 mph in the 55 mph posted zone. Trooper Gardiner was advised of the Toyota's speed and pulled in behind it obtaining a pace of 65 mph. Trooper Gardiner activated his emergency lights and the Toyota slowly moved to the right shoulder not immediately stopping. The Toyota drove on the shoulder for approximately 200 yards before stopping.

Trooper Gardiner contacted the driver identified by his expired Washington driver's license as William B. Hunt, a 21 year old resident of Puyallup. Trooper Gardiner observed several green baggies in the glove box when Hunt opened it to retrieve his registration and insurance card. Hunt advised the baggies were used by his grandparents for jewelry.

Hunt appeared to be nervous when Trooper Gardiner asked if there were any weapons in his car. Hunt advised Trooper Gardiner there were a knife and a pellet gun in the car. When Hunt was asked if there was drugs in the car, he looked away admitting to having some drugs in the car. Hunt was placed into custody for not having a valid driver's license.

Trooper Gardiner had his drug dog "Molly" conduct a search of Hunt's car. Molly located a baggie containing green leafy substance (Tested Positive-Marijuana), a pipe with Marijuana residue, a baggie containing white crystal substance (Tested Positive-Methamphetamine), another pipe with Methamphetamine residue and numerous pills.



Hunt was booked in the Clark County jail for Possession of a Controlled Substance (drugs) and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Hunt was issued a ticket for No Valid Driver's License and Speeding.